



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

July 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

I pray that all our Knights and their families are well... July is the start of a new fraternal year and as everyone knows we have major challenges before us. I hope everyone joined me in the 9 day “Novena for Unity and an End to Racism”. Please continue to pray for the unity and healing of our county. We need Gods’ help now more than ever.

We are also confronted with an uptick in Corona19 Virus infections. The current restrictions continue to limit how we conduct our Business Meeting and has stopped any social gatherings/fund raiser for the foreseeable future. We will persevere.

On a bright note, our council has earned the Columbian Award for the last fraternal year. We were able to complete 4 activities within each of the 4 categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Congratulations Council 939. Well Done.

Thanks to these members that will achieve honorary or honorary life status in the 2020-2021 fraternal year after completing 25 years of continuous service.

Ron Billotte  
Dennis Brown  
Dom Brunozzi  
Mike Catalani  
Bob Englert  
Jeff Gallagher  
Gary Haines  
George Huber  
David Leite  
John Malmfelt  
Dean Meylor  
John O'Brien  
Thomas Parrish  
Mark Spangenberg  
Andrew Thekkekandam  
Chris Weiss

## Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori's Monthly Challenge

**Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.” (Mt 10:32-33)**

The logic is pretty clear-cut, isn't it? In this memorable promise, Jesus assures us of his intercession before the heavenly Father if we acknowledge him before others. Historians tell us that the 20th century saw more martyrs than any before. These brothers and sisters courageously acknowledged Christ before others at the cost of their lives. In our comparative freedom, do we nonetheless deny Christ or hide our faith in little ways? Mindful of Christ's promise and inspired by the faith of recent martyrs, may we acknowledge our Savior before others with serenity, courage, and love.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to offer to keep another person's need in your prayers. Second, I challenge you to sustain the priesthood and its witness to the faith by supporting the Faith in Action Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) or by helping seminarians in some other way.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY INPUT:

What is the "Penny A Day" fund? It costs Knights \$3.65 and is paid annually with our annual dues. It is a Catholic Charity Fund that was established in North Carolina for the purpose of funding special emergency needs in the Dioceses in the State.

Last year a tornado hit Greensboro's Hampton Elementary School region on April 15th. The Penny A Day fund gave \$8000 to people in the Hampton community, to help them rebuild, relocate, and start over.

The grant appeared to be from our four Greensboro area Councils of the Knights of Columbus. It was actually Penny A Day fund monies, directed here by our State Council. The funds were collected from our Brother Knights all over North Carolina, who participated in the Penny A Day fund collection.

It is a voluntary donation by the members of the Order in the State and is administered by each Council Financial Secretary. The voluntary donation is calculated as "A penny per day, per Knight" for a total of \$3.65 per year added to the Misc. section of a member's council dues notice. The Council Financial Secretary forwards all of the resulting collections to the State Secretary for deposit in the Catholic Charities account.

Emergencies as a result of limited parish funds or disasters often occur. The Bishops in the Dioceses of North Carolina are made aware of the fund and the State Council works closely with the Dioceses to disperse the funds to the communities in need.

Most recently after hurricane Dorian hit the Carolina coast, you were asked, to donate relief supplies or to donate your Penny A Day fund monies to the current Carolina disaster relief effort.

A pallet of relief supplies, two generators and hundreds of Penny A Day funds were sent from Guilford County Knights to our costal Brothers for distribution.

This is a great example of how great charity works, when cultivated through Knights of Columbus fraternal unity!

Vivat Jesus, John Joyce, DD24

### **FIELD AGENT COMMENTS:**

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now.

You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happens."

It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change permanent, and what changes is will prove temporary.

Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity, our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the diocesan loan fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded as we always do; swiftly, powerfully.

Sure, we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart. But our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our impact.

I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this. And I know you are too.

That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all need life

insurance. We all need to plan for retirement. We all need to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs.

But when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who leaves no neighbor behind, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of true Christian charity for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction.

I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it's been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities.

It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much-needed peace of mind in times like these.

I hope we'll chat soon. May God bless

Fraternally Ray Eveland

## **JUNE IN REVIEW**

We were able to conduct a Zoom Business Meeting and vote on our slate of officers for the 2020 – 2021 fraternal year. See attached list.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

**July 6th** – Offices and Directors ZOOM meeting 7:00pm. Meeting details coming soon.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Council Business Meeting. We will be voting on the new slate of officers for 2020 2021.

## **COUNCIL WEBSITE:**

We now have a website thanks to Walter Kulla

**Past Newsletters and the Prayer List and Council Activity Calendar are now on the Website**

[www.koc939.com](http://www.koc939.com) Check it out.

### UPDATE FROM THE KNIGHTS CLUB

Listed below you will find copies of three (3) "Thank You" notes and one (1) acknowledgement of receipt of the funds donated to eleven (11) churches/organizations during the month of May.

It is my understanding that there was a "Thank You" in the Our Lady of Grace Church bulletin. They have been copied (typed) since some penmanship was difficult for me to decipher!

Marshall Perry, President

### St. Francis Springs Prayer Center

Dear Knights of Columbus,

I just want to take a moment to personally thank you for your incredible gift to the Center. I know this place means a great deal to many of you and I am touched by your generosity.

As I explained to Marshall Perry, if you are all OK with this thought, I would like this gift be in honor of Father Louie. Many if not all of you, know him and love him. I just see this gift as a first of many gifts to honor all that he has done in this place. What a fitting way to start celebrating him by the Knights of Columbus recognizing his contributions. I hope you all will be OK with this thought. Thank you again for this gift. It is an incredible blessing to this center and I am forever grateful.

God Bless,

Steve Swayne, Director

### FRANCISCAN CENTER

Dear Knights,

Thirty years ago when the Franciscan Center was renovating to meet its October 1999 opening, the Knights from your Council came to our rescue to make this all happen. A deadline was given to me and it took a lot of volunteer time to make the impossible become possible. I can still recall the faithfulness and dedication of the Knights and some of their spouses who even

volunteered on weekends. That all happened thirty years ago and now once again the Knights come to the Franciscan Center's rescue.

Because of the pandemic and the fact that we have been closed for over two months now, your most generous gift of \$10,000 has helped us pay for some overdue bills and will help us with some cosmetic improvements that need to be made after thirty years of wear and tear.

My most gracious thanks for your outstanding gift. During the month of June I will celebrate one Mass per week for all the Knights of your Council and for their families.

Gratefully,

Father Louie Canino, O.F.M.

### ROOM AT THE INN

Dear Brothers in Christ,

We received your check last week for \$8,000. Thank you so very much for including us in your generous charitable donation from the sale of your property. We are very grateful indeed for this gift and for all that your Council has done over the years to support the mothers and babies in our program.

Thank you again and may God bless you all and keep you safe and healthy.

### Operation L.A.M.B.

Brother Chis Frank,

I saw where the check was deposited. Attached is a tax receipt for the club. Brother Eastwood is smiling from above.

God Bless,

Richard White, State L.A.M.B. Director

## **RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Whenever and wherever a Knight of Columbus meets a practicing Catholic man, eighteen years of age or older, there is an opportunity for recruiting a new Knight of Columbus. Wear your K of C nametag proudly, never reluctantly, and advertise for the Council.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Brother Knights Our council has open positions that need to be filled. Please look into your hearts and ask the Lord if any of these opportunities would be right for you.

**L.A.M.B:** Piedmont Council 939 requires a volunteer to assume the mantle of Council LAMB Director. A complete LAMB Training Manual is available for the Brother who steps forward to take charge thereby providing the necessary leadership to get our Council program rolling again. Please contact the GK.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR:** Activities support our efforts in Building the Domestic Church. Our actions should include not only Brother Knights but also our community family making up the Domestic Church. Community Programs are a council's 'Visible Arm' to their community. These programs demonstrate to the public how your council is focused on serving the needy! Professional training will be provided by Brother Tom Thompson.

**RIGHT TO LIFE COORDINATOR:** We believe human life is sacred from its beginning to its end, and that the **right to life** is the most basic **right** and condition for all other **rights**. OJT will be coordinated with Brother John Polickoski.

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

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336-706-6702

## **WIDOWS PROGRAM:**

We do not forget the widows of our fallen Brother Knights. Widows are invited to Council 939 social events as our guests.

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PASS PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE GRAND KNIGHT AT HIS NUMBERS BELOW. APOLOGIES TO ANYONE OVERLOOKED IN THIS COUNCIL 939 NEWSLETTER.

Please keep the following in your prayers

Roy Berninger  
Dominic Brunozzi  
Peggy Chadderton  
Dan Camia  
Fran Egloff  
Jack Kealey  
Joe Kneidl  
Tom O'Hanlon  
Ernie and Cynthia Pancsofar  
Brian Dubicki

Dan Whalen

## **DECORUM:**

Always wear your nametag and carry your rosary.

Always stand, if physically able, to be recognized by the grand Knight remembering to render the hand salute at the beginning and at the end of the exchange.

If a name tag is needed, contact the Financial Secretary, Brother Chris Frank, email: frankchrisJ@aol.com.

**VIVAT JESUS:**

Joe Walton, GK

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**Officers -- 2020 - 2021**

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